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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Bureau of Reclamation

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Quarterly Status Report of Water Service, Repayment, and Other Water-Related Contract Actions

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of contractual actions that have been proposed to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and are new, discontinued, or completed since the last publication of this notice. This notice is one of a variety of means used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. Additional announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the Federal Register and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action.

**ADDRESSES:** The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Kelly, Reclamation Law Administration Division, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone 303-445-2888.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, and the rules and regulations published in 52 FR 11954, April 13, 1987 (43 CFR 426.22), Reclamation will publish notice of proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to contract execution. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity. The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for the sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public to observe contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act. Pursuant to the "Final Revised Public Participation Procedures" for water resource-related contract negotiations, published in 47 FR 7763, February 22, 1982, a tabulation is provided of all proposed contractual actions in each of the five Reclamation regions. When contract negotiations are completed, and prior to execution, each proposed contract form must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or pursuant to delegated or redelegated authority, the Commissioner of Reclamation or one of the regional directors. In some instances, congressional review and approval of a report, water rate, or other terms and conditions of the contract may be involved.

Public participation in and receipt of comments on contract proposals will be facilitated by adherence to the following procedures:

1. Only persons authorized to act on behalf of the contracting entities may

negotiate the terms and conditions of a specific contract proposal.

2. Advance notice of meetings or hearings will be furnished to those parties that have made a timely written request for such notice to the appropriate regional or project office of Reclamation.

3. Written correspondence regarding proposed contracts may be made available to the general public pursuant to the terms and procedures of the Freedom of Information Act, as amended.

4. Written comments on a proposed contract or contract action must be submitted to the appropriate regional officials at the locations and within the time limits set forth in the advance public notices.

5. All written comments received and testimony presented at any public hearings will be reviewed and summarized by the appropriate regional office for use by the contract approving authority.

6. Copies of specific proposed contracts may be obtained from the appropriate regional director or his or her designated public contact as they become available for review and comment.

7. In the event modifications are made in the form of a proposed contract, the appropriate regional director shall determine whether republication of the notice and/or extension of the comment period is necessary.

Factors considered in making such a determination shall include, but are not limited to, (i) the significance of the modification, and (ii) the degree of public interest which has been expressed over the course of the negotiations. At a minimum, the regional director will furnish revised contracts to all parties who requested the contract in

response to the initial public notice.

### **Definitions of Abbreviations Used in the Reports**

ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
BCP	Boulder Canyon Project
Reclamation	Bureau of Reclamation
CAP	Central Arizona Project
CUP	Central Utah Project
CVP	Central Valley Project
C-BT	Colorado-Big Thompson Project
CRSP	Colorado River Storage Project
FR	Federal Register
IDD	Irrigation and Drainage District
ID	Irrigation District
LCWSP	Lower Colorado Water Supply Project
M&I	Municipal and Industrial
NMISC	New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
OM&R	Operation, maintenance, and replacement
P-SMBP	Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program
PPR	Present Perfected Right
RRA	Reclamation Reform Act of 1982
SOD	Safety of Dams
SRPA	Small Reclamation Projects Act of 1956

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**PACIFIC NORTHWEST REGION:** Bureau of Reclamation, 1150 North Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise, Idaho 83706-1234, telephone 208-378-5344.

*Modified contract action:*

6. Nine water user entities of the Arrowrock Division, Boise Project, Idaho: Repayment agreements with districts with spaceholder contracts for repayment, per legislation, of the reimbursable share of costs to rehabilitate Arrowrock Dam Outlet Gates under the O&M program.

*Completed contract actions:*

9. East Columbia Basin ID, Columbia Basin Project, Washington: Supplement No. 3 to the 1976 Master Water Service Contract providing for the delivery of up to 30,000 acre-feet of project water for the irrigation of 10,000 acres located within the Odessa Subarea with an additional 15,000 acre-feet of project water to be made available to benefit stream flows and fish in the Columbia River under this contract or a separate operating agreement. Contract executed March 6, 2014.

10. East Columbia Basin ID, Columbia Basin Project, Washington: Amendment No. 1 to Supplement No. 2 to the 1976 Master Water Service Contract providing for the delivery of up to an additional 5,450.5 acre-feet of project water for the irrigation of 1,816.8 acres located within the Odessa Subarea under this contract. Contract executed March 6, 2014.

**MID-PACIFIC REGION:** Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825-1898, telephone 916-978-5250.

The Mid-Pacific Region has no updates to report for this quarter.

**LOWER COLORADO REGION:** Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 61470 (Nevada Highway and Park Street), Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470, telephone 702-293-8192.

*Completed contract actions:*

10. City of Needles, LCWSP, California: Develop an agreement between Reclamation and the City of Needles for the funding of the design approval and construction of Stage II of the Project. Contract executed December 31, 2013.

11. San Carlos Apache Tribe and the Town of Gilbert, CAP, Arizona: Execute Amendment No. 3 to a CAP water lease to extend the term of the lease in order for the San Carlos Apache Tribe to lease 20,000 acre-feet of its CAP water to the Town of Gilbert during calendar year 2014. Contract executed December 26, 2013.

12. Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and the Town of Gilbert, CAP, Arizona: Execute Amendment No. 3 to a CAP water lease to extend the term of the lease from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, and increase the quantity leased from 13,683 acre-feet to 13,933 acre-feet. The lease is for Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation's CAP water to be leased to the Town of Gilbert. Contract executed December 23, 2013.

16. San Carlos Apache Tribe and Pascua Yaqui Tribe, CAP, Arizona: Execute a CAP water lease among the United States, the San Carlos Apache Tribe, and the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in order for the San Carlos Apache Tribe to lease 2,000 acre-feet of its CAP water to the Pascua Yaqui Tribe during calendar year 2014 under the terms and conditions of the lease. Contract executed December 26, 2014.

*New contract actions:*

22. Maurice L. McAlister, BCP, Arizona: Approve an assignment of the contract

for 40 acre-feet of Colorado River water per year from Mr. McAlister to McAlister Family Trust.

23. Town of Quartzsite, BCP, Arizona: Amend the contract with the Town of Quartzsite to extend the term for another 15 years ending on January 28, 2029.

**UPPER COLORADO REGION:** Bureau of Reclamation, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1102, telephone 801-524-3864.

*Discontinued action:*

9. Aaron Million, Million Conservation Resource Group, Flaming Gorge Storage Unit, CRSP: Mr. Million has requested a standby contract to secure the first right to contract for up to 165,000 acre-feet annually of M&I water service from Flaming Gorge Reservoir for a proposed privately financed and constructed transbasin diversion project.

As there has been no activity on this action for several years, it is being considered as inactive at this time.

**GREAT PLAINS REGION:** Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 36900, Federal Building, 316 North 26th Street, Billings, Montana 59101, telephone 406-247-7752.

*New contract actions:*

43. Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo Project, Texas: Consideration of a potential contract(s) for use of excess capacity by individual landowner(s) for irrigation purposes.

44. Dickinson-Heart River Mutual Aid Corporation; Dickinson Unit, P-SMBP; North Dakota: Consideration of an amended long-term irrigation water service contract.

45. Town of Dillon; C-BT, Colorado: Consideration of a new long-term water

service contract for municipal/domestic use out of Green Mountain Reservoir.

46. Town of Silverthorne, C-BT, Colorado: Consideration of a new long-term water service contract for Green Mountain Reservoir.

47. Summit County, C-BT, Colorado: Consideration of an amendment to Contract No. 139E6C0121 to change the source of water associated with the Alternative Source Contract, Green Mountain Reservoir.

48. Soldier Canyon Filter Plant/Tri-Districts, C-BT, Colorado: Consideration of a long-term excess capacity contract.

49. Frenchman-Cambridge Division, P-SMP; Nebraska: Consideration of a Warren Act contract(s) with an individual landowner.

50. Frenchman Valley, H&RW, and Kansas Bostwick IDs; Frenchman-Cambridge and Bostwick Divisions, P-SMBP; Nebraska: Consideration of a temporary assignment of water from Frenchman Valley ID and H&RW ID to Kansas-Bostwick ID.

51. Nebraska-Bostwick and Frenchman-Cambridge ID; Bostwick and Frenchman-Cambridge Divisions; P-SMBP: Consideration of a temporary assignment of water from Nebraska-Bostwick ID to Frenchman-Cambridge ID.

52. Hillcrest Colony; Canyon Ferry Unit, P-SMBP; Montana: Consideration of a 10-year water service contract.

53. John Vandenaere; Canyon Ferry Unit, P-SMBP; Montana: Renewal of a long-term water service contract.

54. Allan Davies; Canyon Ferry Unit, P-SMBP; Montana: Renewal of a long-term water service contract.

55. William Rau; Canyon Ferry Unit, P-SMBP; Montana: Renewal of a long-



term water service contract.

56. Port of Entry Piegan, Montana; Milk River Project; Montana: Consideration of a new water service contract.

57. Western Heart River ID; Heart Butte Unit, P-SMBP; North Dakota: Consideration of amending the long-term irrigation repayment contract and project-use power contract to include additional acres.

*Modified contract actions:*

34. Bull Lake Dam; Riverton Unit, P-SMBP; Wyoming: Consideration of a contract with Midvale ID for repayment of SOD costs.

42. Republican River Basin, P-SMBP, Kansas/Nebraska: Consideration of a short-term Warren Act contract(s) with Kansas Bostwick ID No. 2.

*Discontinued contract actions:*

9. Exxon Mobil Corporation, Ruedi Reservoir, Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Colorado: Consideration of Exxon Mobil Corporation's request to amend its Ruedi Round I contract to include additional uses for the water.

13. State of Colorado, Department of Corrections, Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Colorado: Consideration of a request for a long-term excess capacity storage contract in Pueblo Reservoir.

*Completed contract action:*

29. Western Heart ID, Lower Heart Irrigation Company, and Individual Irrigators; Heart Butte Unit, P-SMBP; North Dakota: Consideration of a new or amended long-term irrigation water service or repayment contract and new or amended project-use power contract. Contract executed February 24, 2014.

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